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Applicant: Roth, Douglas

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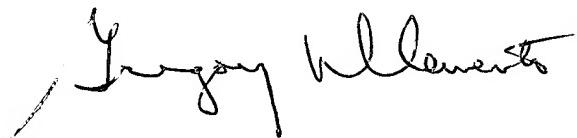
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The Office Action dated June 19, 2003 (copy attached) was responded to on September 15, 2003. Copies of the Response as well as dated postcard receipt are also enclosed. Accordingly applicant properly and timely responded to the Office Action of June 19, and therefore the Notice of Abandonment is premature.

In view of this information, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be rescinded, and it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,



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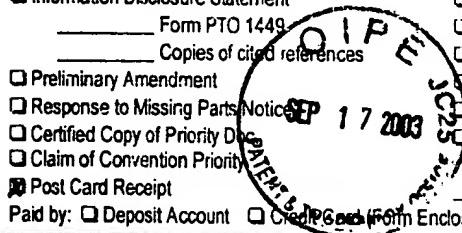
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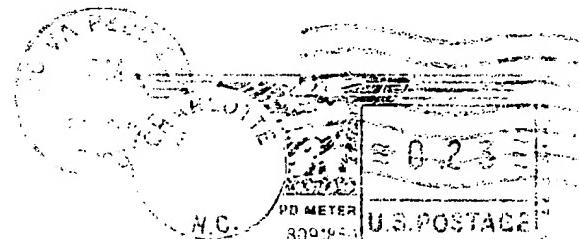
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